(c) As may be seen from above figures there has been consistent increase in production of cement every year.

Manufacture of LADA Car with Soviet Collaboration

601. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal from Soviet Union to manufacture their LADA car in India; if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) what are the plans for increasing the Indo-Soviet trade turn-over in the next five years; and

(c) whether U.S.S.R. has supplied to the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for about 500 joint ventures and technology transfer schemes; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) M|s. Sikkim Lada (Ltd) Gangtok have submitted a proposal for the manufacture of LADA 2121 car in collaboration with M|s. Autoexport & Prom mashexport, Moscow. M|s. Asian Vehicles Ltd., New Delhi have also made an application for permission to manufacture Lada model cars in collaboration with M|s. Autoexport Volga Automobiles Works, Moscow. These proposals are under consideration of the Government.

(b) Various steps, including identification of new items of import and exports, encouraging exchange of commercial and business delegations, meeting of the Joint Commission, identification of areas of producton cooperation, have been taken to increase Indo-Soviet Trade turnover.

(c) Yes, Sir. The important sectors of Industry covered by them relate to machine tools and metal working prosess. building and construction material, drugs and pharmaceuticals, power, chemicals etc.

Profit/losses by Public sectors

602. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the total losses incurred and profits earned by the Public Sector undertakings under his Ministry during the year 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): During the year 1985-86, the net profit earned by the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Industry was Rs. 193.97 crores and net loss incurred was Rs. 319.87 crores resulting in an overall not loss of Rs. 125.90 crores for these enterprises.

Issue of Letters of Intent

603. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters of intent issued by Central Government during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987;

(b) what is the number of industrial licences obtained or implemented during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987;

(c) what are the reasons for the gap if any in the issue of Letters of Intent and their conversion into industrial licences; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to check conversion of industrial licences and no setting up of industries with a view to monopolise industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Under he provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, the following number of letters of intent and industrial licences

were issued during the years 1985, 1986& January, 1987;

Year	Letters of Intent	Industrial Licences
1985	1457	985 (including 544 COB licences)
1986	1130	618 (including 107 COB licences)
Jan. 1987	50	50 (including 8 COB licences)

(c) and (d) A letter of intent is granted with an initial validity period of one year and further extensions are also granted on adequate justification. After the entrepreneur fulfils the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted ino an industrial licence. The initial validity period of an industrial licence is two years within whch the entrepreneur is expected to commence production. However, further extensions beyond the initial validity period of two years can also be granted by the administrative Ministry concerned on genuine grounds. It generally takes about three to four years for an industrial project to fructify. Actual gestation period, however, varies from project to project If the holder of the letter of intent/industrial licence fails to implement the letter of intent/industrial licence. the same is cancelled/revoked.

Pact to produce Trucks with Soviet Collaboration

604. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Union have entered into a pact with an Indian Company to produce 16 tonne capacity truck; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

Project by BHEL for Aircraft Engines

605. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has embarked on a project to adopt aircraft engines for its future gas turbines; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Duty Out Light Comercial Vehicles

606. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hndustan Times' of the 28th December, 1986 captioned 'Duty out on L.C.V.s' (light commercial vehicles) not passed on to consumers'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the steps Government are taking to provide relief to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and ,b) The new light com-